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In re Application of
Hu et al.
Application No. 09/684,808
Filed: October 6, 2000
Attorney Docket No. PSTMOOO8/MRK

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: DECISION GRANTING LETTER
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This decision is in response to Applicants' 'APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT' informing the Office of a discrepancy in the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculated by the Office at the time of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE. Applicants assert that they are entitled to a PTA determination of 1239 days. The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bring this matter to the attention of the Office.¹

Applicants letter concerning PTA is **GRANTED-in part**. The Office will adjust the PTA calculation at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance to reflect this decision. The proper amount of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 1239 days.

Applicants assert that the Office erred in the determination in that the Office failed to reduce the PTA for an overdue reply to the Notice of Missing Parts. Applicants acknowledge that the Office mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts on December 14, 2000 that was responded to by applicants on April 9, 2001. Applicants acknowledge that the Office did not meet the requirement of 37 CFR 1.704(b) by a period of 26 days. Applicants allege that the reduction should have begun on March 15, 2001, the day after the date that is three months after the date of the mailing of the Office communication and should have ended on April 9, 2001, the date that the reply was actually filed.

A review of applicants' arguments are persuasive to the extent herein indicated. The imaged file history reflects that the Office mailed the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional on on

¹The Office notes that applicants submitted this request for reconsideration as a request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.705(b) and submitted a \$200.00 fee for consideration. The Office notes that it is considering this document as a Letter of Good Faith and candor because applicants are requesting that the Office reduce the determination of PTA rather than increase the determination of PTA. The Office notes that the submission of a Letter of Goof faith and candor regarding this determination does not require the submission of a fee.

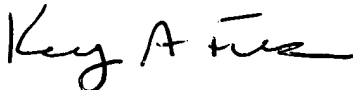
December 6, 2000². A reduction of 34 days should have been assessed. However, the notice was not entered into PALM and accordingly the PTA determination did not reflect this reduction pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b). Accordingly, at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance the Office had delays of 1331 days. The delays by the Office were 1236 days pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1) and 95 days pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2). Applicants delay by periods of 2, 4, 60, and 34 days pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b). Thus the proper determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is 1231 days ($1331 - 100 = 1231$).

After the mailing of this decision, the Office will forward this patented file to the Office of Patent Publications for a prompt issuance of the patent.

Any delays in the failure to issue this application within four months of the payment of the issue fee as required in 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) will be reflected on the issue notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issue date. Any in addition any delays by applicant for reductions under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) will be reflected in the PTA determination that is provided to applicant in the issue notification letter.

Because applicants were providing good faith and candor notice as to the amount of PTA, no fee is being assessed. The Office on August 7, 2007 improperly assessed a \$200.00 fee. The fee is being refunded to deposit account No 50-1574.

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to Kery Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, at 571-272-7757.



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cc: Adjusted PTA calculation

²The Office believes that applicants errantly without deceptive intent cited the wrong date in this letter of good faith and candor. Applicant mentioned the date of mailing of the notice by the Office was December 14, 2000 rather than the scanned image date of December 6, 2000.

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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/684808

Application Filing Date:	10/06/2000	PTO Delay (PTO):	1331
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	66
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	1231
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58	04/30/2007	NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY			
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55	10/08/2006	DATE FORWARDED TO EXAMINER			
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29	04/18/2005	NON-FINAL REJECTION			
28	04/18/2005	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU			
27	02/28/2005	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED			
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14	01/14/2003	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU			
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10	08/22/2001	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED			
9	04/17/2001	APPLICATION DISPATCHED FROM OIPE			
8	04/17/2001	CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE			
7	04/16/2001	APPLICATION IS NOW COMPLETE			
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5	12/04/2000	CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE			
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